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SUBJECT: EA/ROC STAFFING

FOR EA/ROC ROGER SULLIVAN FROM SYDNEY GOLDSMITH

1. APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER. I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT ASSIGNMENT PANEL CITED "NEEDS OF SERICE" AS JUSTIFICATION FOR MY ASSIGNMENT TO EA/ROC (RATHER THAN S/S-O) DESPITE YOUR EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO LET ME GO. SINCE THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL EXTEND MY CONSECUTIVE SERVICE IN ROC AND HONG KONG SUB-SPECIALTIES BEYOND ELEVEN YEARS--MY ENTIRE FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER--AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT FOR THE PERSONNEL RECORD SPECIFICALLY JUSTIFYING NEED FOR THIS EXCEPTION TO THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE AND, I BELIEVE, NECESSARY.

2. ASSUME YOU CONCUR THAT MY ORDERS MUST SPECIFY SUCCESSION AS EA/ROC DEPUTY DIRECTOR UPON DEPARTURE OF INCUMBENT. PRESUMING EA WILL ARRANGE BOTH MATTERS ACCORDINGLY, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU THIS FALL.

3. WITH SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF ABOVE, EMBASSY URGES THAT I BE AUTHORIZED CONSULTATIONS EA EMBASSIES EN ROUTE DEPARTMENT. ASIAN POSTURE TOWARD ROC WILL BE A CRITICAL ELEMENT OUR TASK IN WASHINGTON. SUGGESTED ITINERARY COULD INCLUDE MANILA, HONG KONG, PHNOM PENH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANGKOK, KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, JAKARTA, CANBERRA,

WELLINGTON. USEFULNESS OF CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO AND
SEOUL ALSO SELF-EVIDENT, BUT IF COST CONSIDERATIONS
SHOULD BECOME A FACTOR, SOUTHERN ROUTING OFFERS GREATER
ADVANTAGES AT MINIMUM COST. (ESTIMATE ADDITIONAL AIR
ARE AT \$860 FOR ALL POSTS AND \$590 FOR SOUTHERN ROUTING).
APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS EACH EMBASSY WILL PROVE MOST
REWARDING TO DESK AND DEPARTMENT.
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